

Revelation 8:1-13
The Seventh Seal of the Scroll

- 1) First result of the 7th seal—8:1-5 *there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.*
 - Sounds of worship in heaven will stop temporarily, but the awe of worship continues
 - a) When? ¹ *And when He* (the Lamb) *opened the seventh seal*, (cf. 5:1-2, 5, 9)
 - b) Seven angels were given seven trumpets—8:2
 - c) An eighth angel associated with the prayers of the saints—8:3-5
 - i) Incense and prayers of Tribulation saints—8:3-4 (cf. 5:8; 6:9-11)
 - ii) The three-fold activity of the angel—8:5
 - (1) The results: *thunders, and sounds, and lightnings, and an earthquake.*
 - (2) Breaking the half-hour of silence
- 2) The first four of the seven angels blow their trumpets—8:6-12
 - These are preparatory, partial (1/3 uses of 1/3) and purposeful (9:20-21) judgments
 - Similar to the first nine plagues on Egypt (Exodus 7-10)
 - Is this a partial answer to the prayers in 6:10?
 - These four impact nature directly and people indirectly
 - These are similar but distinct from the 6 seals (cf. 6) and 7 bowls (cf. 16)
 - a) The first angel—8:7 [impacts the land; supernatural hailstorm]
 - i) What occurred? Hailstones and fire mixed with blood thrown to the earth.
 - ii) What was the result? 1/3 of the earth and trees, and all the green grass was burned up
 - b) The second angel—8:8-9 [impacts the saltwater; a supernatural meteor]
 - i) What occurred? Something like a great mountain of burning fire thrown into the sea,
 - ii) What was the result? 1/3 of the sea became blood, ⁹ and 1/3 of the living creatures in the sea died, and 1/3 of the ships were utterly destroyed.
 - c) The third angel—8:10-11 [impacts the freshwater; a supernatural star/meteor]
 - i) What occurred? A great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.
 - (1) (¹¹ *And the name of the star is called Wormwood.*) [called Absinthe today]
 - ii) What was the result? 1/3 of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the waters, because it was made bitter.
 - d) The fourth angel—8:12 [supernatural darkness]
 - i) What occurred? 1/3 of the sun, moon, and stars were struck
 - ii) What was the result? 1/3 of them were darkened, 1/3 of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.
- 3) Prelude to the woe judgments from the flying eagle—8:13
 - An interruption, similar to that which came after the sixth seal (7:1)
 - a) What? “*Woe, woe, woe to the* (unbelieving—9:4, 20-21) *inhabitants on the earth,*
 - i) These will impact people directly
 - b) Why? *because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound.*
 - i) These are to be far more severe than the first four trumpets